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For: **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS FOR AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT  
HEMOCHROMATOSIS****TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office are the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter; and
- 2) Supplemental Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to  
charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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HEMOCHROMATOSIS****SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is supplemental to the response to the Official Action dated October 23, 2003. In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 6, 29, and 30 and cancel claims 27-28 without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein as indicated in the complete listing of all claims in the application set forth below.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An isolated DNA sequence ~~up to 20 kb in length~~ comprising a nucleic acid sequence that is SEQ ID NO: 1.